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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 03-110)

PATENT

In the Application of: )  
Di Salle, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/926,554 ) Art Unit: 1617  
Filed: November 19, 2001 ) Examiner: Shaojia A. Jiang  
For: Combined Method of Treatment )  
Comprising an Aromatase Inhibitor )  
And a further Biologically Active )  
Compound )

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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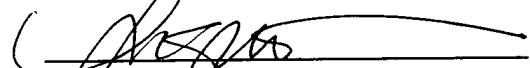
In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
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  - b) Filing fee;
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 5, 2003



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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION  
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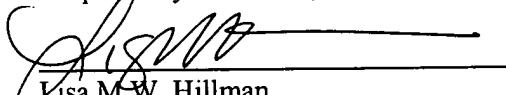
This paper is filed in response to the species election requirement mailed on March 12, 2003. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time up to and including May 12, 2003. A check for one hundred ten dollars (\$110) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our deposit account number 13-2490 for any under- or over-payment of fees.

The Office alleges that the above-mentioned application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. The undersigned contacted Examiner Jiang by telephone on May 2, 2003 to clarify the species election requirement. It is the Applicants' understanding that Office requires that a species of anti-neoplastic agents be elected. Applicants elect anthracycline compounds (see, e.g., claim 26). The claims readable on the elected species are 24-47.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned if any questions regarding the election arise.

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